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Details: Review of Health Care in Western Wisconsin. Hearing held in Eau Claire, Wisconsin on May 11, 2006.

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2006	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	A
AFDC	1,656	1,683	1,687	1,696	0	0	0	
BadgerCare	866	875	895	906	0	0	0	***************************************
Healthy Start	1,279	1,253	1,299	1,336	0	0	0	
Family Planning Waiver	1,658	1,603	1,614	1,586	0	0	0	
Family Coverage Total	5,459	5,414	5,495	5,524	0	0	0	
Foster Care	26	28	24	23	0	0	o	
Medicare Beneficiaries	40	42	37	45	0	0	0	
Well Woman Program	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	
Other Coverage Total	67	71	62	69	0	0	0	
MAPP	84	85	87	84	0	0	0	
Nursing Home	165	167	170	170	0	0	0	
SSI	665	659	659	660	0	0	0	
SSI-Related	85	88	89	90	0	0	0	
Waiver	157	160	167	169	0	0	0	
SeniorCare	7	6	6	5	0	0	0	
Persons With Disabilities & Elderly Coverage Total	1,163	1,165	1,178	1,178	0	0	0	
Total Coverage	6,689	6,650	6,735	6,771	0	0	0	
2005	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	A
AFDC	1,682	1,738	1,784	1,781	1,765	1,700	1,648	1
BadgerCare	911	900	880	856	854	835	848	
Healthy Start	1,130	1,138	1,123	1,182	1,172	1,147	1,169	1
Family Planning Waiver	933	1,161	1,300	1,458	1,515	1,525	1,544	1
Family Coverage Total	4,656	4,937	5,087	5,277	5,306	5,207	5,209	5
Foster Care	20	22	21	25	25	27	31	
Medicare Beneficiaries	29	30	30	. 33	33	32	35	
Other	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	
Well Woman Program	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	

Other Coverage Total	53	57	56	61	61	62	68	
MAPP	75	70	69	70	68	71	72	
Nursing Home	173	173	172	171	174	175	173	
SSI	662	666	660	661	661	667	658	
SSI-Related	107	105	106	101	108	98	93	
Waiver	127	133	137	138	140	142	147	
SeniorCare	10	10	10	10	9	9	6	
Persons With Disabilities & Elderly Coverage Total	1,154	1,157	1,154	1,151	1,160	1,162	1,149	1.
Total Coverage	5,863	6,151	6,297	6,489	6,527	6,431	6,426	6,.
2004	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	A
AFDC	1,413	1,432	1,493	1,533		1,535	1,586	1.
BadgerCare	1,024	1,016	1,019	1,042		979		
Healthy Start	1,116	1,121	1,142	1,145	1,135	1,074	1,110	1.
Family Planning Waiver	787	810	833	836	837	834	842	
Family Coverage Total	4,340	4,379	4,487	4,556	4,519	4,422	4,497	4.
Foster Care	30	31	28	27	26	22	21	
Medicare Beneficiaries	27	28	30	25	29	28	30	
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Well Woman Program	4	5	5	5	6	6	5	
Other Coverage Total	61	64	63	57	61	56	56	
MAPP	46	50	55	57	59	63	61	
Nursing Home	174	174	174	177	179	174	178	
SSI	634	642	645	651	655	647	650	
SSI-Related	97	98	97	102	105	107	102	
Waiver	132	128	120	127	126	122	123	
SeniorCare	9	7	7	7	8	8	9	
Persons With Disabilities & Elderly Coverage Total	1,092	1,099	1,098	1,121	1,132	1,121	1,123	1.
Total Coverage	5,493	5,542	5,648	5,734	5,712	5,599	5,676	5,
2003	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	A
AFDC	1,219	1,222	1,279				1,236	1
BadgerCare	999	1,002	974	976		977	999	
Healthy Start	1,108	1,122	1,077	1,119	1,111	1,131	1,139	1.
Family Planning Waiver	6	62	120	197	299	357	438	
Family Coverage Total	3,332	3,408	3,450	3,566	3,669	3,735		3.

Foster Care	32	32	29	24	25	24	25	
Medicare Beneficiaries	35	36	31	32	32	29	29	
Well Woman Program	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Other Coverage Total	71	72	64	60	61	57	58	
MAPP	28	27	26	27	28	30	33	
Nursing Home	162	168	170	166	162	167	169	
SSI	563	564	564	570	574	569	588	
SSI-Related	106	103	98	96	94	98	100	,
Waiver	202	203	204	207	205	203	179	
SeniorCare	4	3	3	3	5	5	5	<del></del>
Persons With Disabilities & Elderly Coverage Total	1,065	1,068	1,065	1,069	1,068	1,072	1,074	1.
Total Coverage	4,468	4,548	4,579	4,695	4,798	4,864	4,944	4,
2002	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	A
AFDC	983	1,021	1,054	1,091	1,124	1,152	1,162	1.
BadgerCare	911	891	888	896	905	865	897	
Healthy Start	1,034	1,021	1,018	1,007	1,070	1,056	1,031	1
Family Coverage Total	2,928	2,933	2,960	2,994	3,099	3,073	3,090	3
Foster Care	56	58	51	50	46	51	45	
Medicare Beneficiaries	42	40	37	38	40	41	44	
TB-Related	3	4	4	4	4	1	0	
Well Woman Program	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	
Other Coverage Total	101	102	93	93	91	94	90	
MAPP	14	18	23	25	23	27	29	
Nursing Home	171	169	162	162	163	165	168	
SSI	658	639	629	623	626	624	624	
SSI-Related	105	110	106	108	102	103	101	
Waiver	123	147	153	157	160	157	158	
SeniorCare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Persons With Disabilities & Elderly Coverage Total	1,071	1,083	1,073	1,075	1,074	1,076	1,080	1
Total Coverage	4,100	4,118	4,126	4,162	4,264	4,243	4,260	4,
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2001	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	A
AFDC	681	690	675	670	635	627	649	1"
BadgerCare	736	751	778	788	805	798	800	

Family Coverage Total	2,384	2,402	2,454	2,486	2,504	2,493	2,500	2.
Foster Care	56	57	59	65	61	62	60	<del></del>
Medicare Beneficiaries	46	46	45	47	42	45	46	
Other Coverage Total	102	103	104	112	103	107	106	
MAPP	7	7	8	10	10	10	10	
Nursing Home	169	169	168	165	166	168	166	
SSI	710	708	701	699	686	671	672	
SSI-Related	94	93	96	98	92	97	100	
Waiver	70	71	73	72	91	112	114	
Persons With Disabilities & Elderly Coverage Total	1,050	1,048	1,046	1,044	1,045	1,058	1,062	1.
Total Coverage	3,536	3,553	3,604	3,642	3,652	3,658	3,668	3,
2000	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	A
AFDC	729	716	712	732	726	700	633	
BadgerCare	643	663	703	741	765	774	760	
Healthy Start	911	918	925	950	954	968	934	
Family Coverage Total	2,283	2,297	2,340	2,423	2,445	2,442	2,327	2.
Foster Care	45	49	51	52	55	48	53	
Medicare Beneficiaries	37	37	38	42	41	39	44	
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Coverage Total	82	86	89	94	96	87	97	
MAPP	0	0	0	0	1	5	6	
Nursing Home	163	165	167	171	171	169	170	
SSI	732	720	726	721	724	729	728	
SSI-Related	89	85	91	93	99	97	96	
Waiver	52	52	53	56	53	51	51	
Persons With Disabilities & Elderly Coverage Total	1,036	1,022	1,037	1,041	1,048	1,051	1,051	1.
Total Coverage	3,401	3,405	3,466	3,558	3,589	3,580	3,475	3,
1999	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	A
AFDC	799	779	760	812	815	802	778	
BadgerCare	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	
Healthy Start	910	911	894	865	864	849	846	
Family Coverage Total	1,709	1,690	1,654	1,677	1,679	1,651	1,717	1.
Foster Care	39	39	42	42	42	52	45	

Medicare Beneficiaries	50	45	47	45	47	44	40	l
TB-Related	1	1	3	3	3		3	
Other Coverage Total	90	85	92	90	92	99	88	
Nursing Home	182	181	183	185	181	181	179	
SSI	777	772	768	761	758		747	
SSI-Related	96	101	93	92	87	84	87	
Waiver	51	50	46	52	53	55	51	
Persons With Disabilities & Elderly Coverage Total	1,106	1,104	1,090					1.
Total Coverage	2,905	2,879	2,836	2,857	2,850	2,826	2,869	2,
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AFDC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	A
	943	908	904	877	874	857	853	
Healthy Start	813	840	839	857	846	834	867	
Family Coverage Total	1,756	1,748	1,743	1,734	1,720	1,691	1,720	1.
Foster Care	37	39	39	40	46	47	45	
Medicare Beneficiaries	53	46	51	62	59	56	56	
TB-Related	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Other Coverage Total	91	87	92	104	107	105	103	
Nursing Home	198	197	193	188	178	177	179	
SSI	782	783	784	784	781	784	776	
SSI-Related	72	76	81	81	79	86	91	
Waiver	43	44	49	53	54	51	49	
Persons With Disabilities & Elderly Coverage Total	1,095	1,100	1,107	1,106	1,092	1,098	1,095	1.
Total Coverage	2,942	2,935	2,942	2,944	2,919	2,894	2,918	2,
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Question C

Dear Senator Feingold

I have recently participated in the efforts of the Citizens' Health Care Working Group to gather information through public discussion on what the public would like to see in terms of health care reform. The Working Group will present their recommendations based on these discussions to Congress and Mr. Bush in September. The reason I am contacting you is, as a nurse I believe I am ethically bound to advocate for patients and attempt to end suffering as it is perpetuated by our society.

On this issue I urge you to consider the degree of suffering caused to individuals, families and communities by our current system and seek a way to end it. I would like to propose a very simple legislative proposal that could make large strides toward achieving this goal. The proposal is to remove the language, "over 65" from the Medicare language effectively making Medicare our national health plan. This plan would eliminate the need for Medical Assistance as it currently exists. Monies dedicated to the myriad Medical Assistance programs throughout the country could be diverted into the Medicare budget.

Additional revenue could be obtained through a proposal similar to HR 1200, submitted in 1997 by Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA). This bill proposed an 8.7 percent payroll tax and a 2.2 per cent taxable income tax along with a \$0.45 per pack tax on cigarettes. I would suggest going further and tax other consumer items known to be health hazards when consumed in excess such as alcohol, fast food and soft drinks and including a fee on insurance for high risk drivers and tickets for moving violations. With these additional taxes and fees imposed on persons who make poor health choices they will be making the increased financial contribution to the care they receive that is so desired by those who judge them. A funding system that is based on a

percentage of income is much more equitable to low income workers who currently spend a much larger portion of their income simply to obtain coverage than their more highly paid coworkers and supervisors.

Reasons for expanding Medicare to include all tax-paying individuals are quite simple. Medicare already exists and functions, for the most part, quite efficiently. Billing specialists are aware that Medicare is by far the easiest to bill of all payers. Billing is simplified as is the paperwork and documentation of care. Currently the bulk of documentation is used to provide financial justification. Instead it could be used to describe what and to whom care is delivered, to track data on emerging diseases, support guidelines for evidence based practice and ultimately lead to better use of resources. Money saved in billing and paperwork costs could be used to enhance care or supplement revenue.

Medicare already exists. I say that again because I think it is even more salient to my next point. The current climate of corruption that exists in the Federal Government has created a deep sense of cynicism that the current government can be trusted to design a new health care plan that is beneficent to anything other than corporate interests. As evidence, Medicare Part D has only served to exacerbate these feelings and provide leverage to the arguments of those opposed to a national health plan. By simply expanding the system that already exists to include everyone, without changing its fundamental structure fears of corruption can be minimized.

A national health plan that is comprehensive in coverage to include those covered by Medicare and Medicaid would eliminate the need for the disability system as it exists now. Our current disability system is based on the former agricultural and industrial economies where a physical disability or debilitating disease rendered one unable to participate in most types of employment. This is no longer the case; yet persons with conditions that require ongoing

medical care are forced out of the workplace in order to receive necessary health benefits. They are then labeled as cheats, low-lifes, and deadbeats by society. A universal plan would enable these people to remain in the workforce, contributing to society, giving them a sense of purpose that could result in better mental and physical health. In the current economy it is nearly impossible to be rendered, by illness or injury, completely incapable of any type of employment. Those opposed to a universal plan often object on the grounds that they will be paying for the care of these so-called deadbeats. Anyone with a rudimentary knowledge of the cost shifting economics that drives our current system understands that this is already occurring and to a much greater extent than would be so under a universally funded program.

Personal bankruptcy filings would be decreased by expanding Medicare to all. Research reported in the February 2, 2005 Health Affairs indicates nearly half of all personal bankruptcies are the result of uncovered medical costs. Of those more than 75 per cent had insurance at the time of onset of illness or injury. The recent bankruptcy reform laws that went into effect provided extensive to the portion of individual debt accrued on credit cards and labeled it "consumer debt." This language supported the argument of personal responsibility by implying that the debt was caused by excessive consumption of consumer goods. The reality for at least half of filers, however, is that credit cards were used to pay medical bills or to live on while the family budget was being consumed by medical bills.

Beyond personal bankruptcies; how much corporate bankruptcy is attributable to the costs of providing health benefits to employees? These costs are prominent in labor disputes. Labor disputes frequently lead to a corporate filing for bankruptcy. Regionally I am aware of Northwest Airlines undergoing multiple labor disputes over this issue and subsequent bankruptcy. My own employer is facing an 18 per cent increase in premium costs over the

upcoming year and is negotiating with the union as to how best to pass these costs on to the employees.

To what extent is the United States losing ground in the global market when corporations opt not to build factories here due to the health care costs they will incur, or, when our own corporations seek to build their factories outside the country to avoid them. The Motor City, Detroit, is being abandoned by auto manufacturers moving plants across the lake to Windsor, Ontario to take advantage of the national health plan in Canada.

Opponents of a national health plan cite a superior innovation in a market based system saying in contrast that a government funded plan would stifle innovation. It is true; certain types of innovations may be slowed. Research and development of lifestyle products, the most prominent of which is Viagra, which do not contribute to the common good and overall public health may suffer. The Harvard Business Review, in *Redefining Competition in Health Care*, indicts our current system of health plans and providers that restrict access to innovations or limit covered services for slowing or even suppressing innovation. The article suggests that Medicare create an Adoption of Innovation Fund to support the spread of promising FDA approved therapies. The reality of research and development is that much of it is done by the government currently for all types of industry.

As I stated earlier, often it is said that if individuals had to pay more for health services they would be more responsible and selective. Perhaps the same could be said of government. If government bears the responsibility of paying for health services it will identify social changes that could be made to improve public health and decrease the costs of health care services. For example; it would be less expensive to a national health plan if the Federal Student Lunch Program eliminated corporate fast foods, snack foods, and soft drinks from the schools where

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From:

Stegall, Jennifer

Sent:

Tuesday, April 18, 2006 11:54 AM

To:

'Bill.Smith@NFIB.org'

Subject:

Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform

Hi Bill.

Per our conversation, here is a list of members serving on the Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform:

Senator Roessler, Co-Chair Senator Darling, Co-Chair Senator Olsen Senator Miller Senator Erpenbach

The Committee is planning to meet on May 11th at 10:00 in Eau Claire. The hearing will likely take place at the Chippewa Valley Technical College. An official public hearing notice will be distributed when all the of details of the hearing are set.

I look forward to hearing from you in regard to NFIB members who have an interest in testifying.

Thanks!

Jennifer Stegall
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<sup>\*</sup>Senator Brown will be at the table during the Eau Claire hearing.

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From:

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Sent:

Monday, May 01, 2006 3:00 PM

To:

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Subject:

Health Care Reform Committee Hearing in Eau Claire

Hi Bill,

You mentioned that you might have a member or two who would be interested in testifying at the Senate Health Care Reform Committee on May 11th. Do you still think this is a possibility? If so, could you e-mail the names of the people who will be attending?

Thanks for your help!

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From: Stegall, Jennifer

Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 4:38 PM

To: 'Esser, Deanna'

Subject: RE: Health Care Reform Committee Hearing in Eau Claire

Wonderful! Thank you so much for reaching out to your members regarding the hearing. I will add Mike and Russell to the list of people we plan to hear from.

Have a nice night,

Jennifer

From: Esser, Deanna [mailto:Deanna.Esser@NFIB.ORG]

Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 2:25 PM

To: Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: RE: Health Care Reform Committee Hearing in Eau Claire

Jennifer - We have two members who have indicated they will attend and testify at the hearing in Eau Claire.

Mike Conlin Dynamic Displays Eau Claire

Russell Ratsch Ratsch Engineering Co., LTD Eau Claire

There may be others, but these are two who responded to our RSVP request.

Bill

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FW: Peter Farrow

From: Sent:

Stegall, Jennifer Monday, May 01, 2006 3:34 PM 'pmerline@tds.net'

To:

Subject:

Peter Farrow

Hey Paul,

I'm just double checking this...is Peter Farrow the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of GHC in Eau Claire?

Thanks,



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From:

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Sent:

Monday, May 01, 2006 3:38 PM

To:

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Subject:

May 11th Health Care Reform Committee in Eau Claire

Hi Dr. Philips,

I am just checking in regarding the May 11th hearing. Any idea at this point who may be testifying from Marshfield Clinic? If you could provide me with names and titles when you know who may be attending, I would appreciate it.

Thanks,

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Sent: Monday, May 01, 2006 5:43 PM

To: Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: Re: May 11th Health Care Reform Committee in Eau Claire

Jennifer,

I had my first opportunity to speak to our President Dr. Ulrich today. He will review Marshfield Clinic's informational testimony and determine who will give it at the hearing on May 11. I have asked him to let me know this week. As soon as I know I will contact you. I regret the delay. Dr.Phillips

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From: "Stegall, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Stegall@legis.state.wi.us> Date: Mon May 01, 2006 -- 03:38:56 PM

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May 11th Health Care Reform Committee in Eau Claire Subject:

Hi Dr. Philips,

I am just checking in regarding the May 11th hearing. Any idea at this point who may be testifying from Marshfield Clinic? If you could provide me with names and titles when you know who may be attending, I would appreciate it.

Thanks,

Jennifer

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Monday, May 01, 2006 3:43 PM

To:

'vvance@weatrust.com'

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I think I have lurched, inadvertently, into what may be affecting the ability of a number of interested Eau Claire businesses in attending your hearing. Eau Claire area businesses, a few years ago, formed a work group on healthcare costs. They meet a handful of times a year and, guess what, they have their own meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, also at the Chippewa Valley Technical College.

How long do you think the hearing will last? Apparently, I'm told, some businesses would like to participate in both, but long ago committed to attending their work group meeting. What do you think?

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Sent:

Wednesday, May 10, 2006 11:10 AM

To:

Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: RE: May 11th Health Care Reform Committee in Eau Claire

Xcel is going to testify, too. Their representative can't be there until 10:30 a.m. Two questions they asked: (1) is there a time limit on testimony or, rather, is there an amount of time you would like them to fill and (2) can they count on a rough time at which she would testify?

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 3:48 PM

To: RJ Pirlot

Subject: RE: May 11th Health Care Reform Committee in Eau Claire

This is fantastic. We will do our best to ensure Debbie and Rich are able to testify around noon. It shouldn't be a problem.

Thanks for your work in getting the word out.

At this time we don't have future dates set. The co-chairs will meet after this hearing to discuss future hearings.

Thanks again,

Jennifer

From: RJ Pirlot [mailto:rjpirlot@wmc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2006 2:00 PM

To: Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: RE: May 11th Health Care Reform Committee in Eau Claire

Jennifer,

I just spoke with the "other meeting" organizer, Bob Hogseth. He said the following two companies would like to testify:

- 1. Eau Claire Press, Eau Claire, Debbie Hayden. This company publishes the Leader Telegram and has approximately 200 employees.
- 2. Mason Shoe Company, Chippewa Falls, Rich Johnson. This company manufactures men's and women's shoes and has approximately 375 employees.

Bob thought his meeting would end around 11:30 a.m. and, if you could, try to schedule these two

around noon so they can testify and get back to their respective companies. That would be most appreciated.

I encouraged Bob to bring copies of your committee hearing notice (which I had sent to him) to his meeting and to recommend to his attendees that they come over to your meeting and, if they can, testify.

Xcel Energy is tentative. I let them know about this hearing around a week ago and they are still discussing. If I hear from them, I'll let you know.

If you have any more hearing dates, please let me know. Generally, the more notice we can give these folks, the better.

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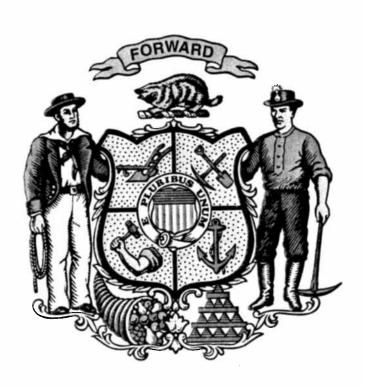
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#### Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: FW: Hearing

From: Volz, David

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 1:14 PM

To: 'dan@ewahu.org'
Cc: Stegall, Jennifer
Subject: RE: Hearing

Dan,

Alberta was very pleased with how everything went at the Milwaukee hearing. She and Sen. Roessler will be getting together next week to discuss the structure of the Eau Claire hearing, including speakers. I'll refer you to Jennifer in Sen. Roessler's office, who'll be taking the reins at the staff level for the next several weeks, as I expect to soon begin a brief leave. Jennifer can discuss your interest in the Eau Claire hearing with the senators and get back to you.

Thanks much,

Dave Volz Office of Sen. Darling

From: Dan Schwartzer [mailto:dan@ewahu.org]

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2006 10:19 AM

To: Volz, David Subject: Hearing

Hi Dave,

Wondered how the hearing went in Milwaukee? How did Jon Rauser do? Also wanted to verify the hearings I will be able to testify at regarding private market solutions that exist today. I know there is a hearing in Eau Claire on May 11th. I'd like the opportunity to speak there, in addition to Madison.

Thoughts?

Dan

#### Stegall, Jennifer

From:

Dan Schwartzer [dan@ewahu.org]

Sent:

Tuesday, April 25, 2006 8:50 AM

To:

Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: RE: Public Hearing: Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform

Hi Jennifer,

Here is the person that will be testifying at the Eau Claire hearing. He is our WAHU North Central Chapter President.

Chris Lokken (Employed by Johnson Insurance Services) (715) 855-6163 clokken@johnsonins.com

**Thanks** 

Dan Schwartzer

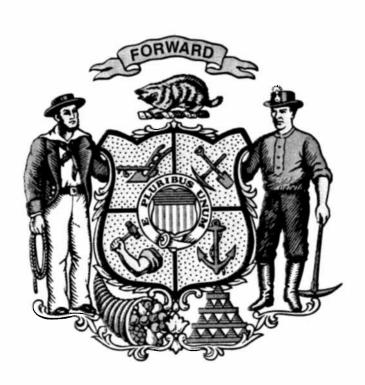
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Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 11:54 AM

To: Sweet, Richard; Rose, Laura; \*Legislative All Senate; \*Legislative All Assembly

Cc: Blazel, Ted; Bill Smith; Dan Schwartzer; Dianne Kiehl; Eric Englund; Erik Hekkers (Assurant Health Ins); Jordan Lamb; Juliana (Daimler Chrysler); Laura DeGolier; Mike Hert; R.J. Pirlot; Sabrina Gentile (Wi. Farm Bureau Federation); Sheri Krause (WASB); Steven Lorenz; Susan McMurray; Tim Shaw (Allied Health); Victor Perez, Assurant; Alice O'Connor; Alison Prange; Andrew Franken; Ann Medeiros; Bob Andersen; Bryan Brooks; Cathleen Dettmann; Ellen Henningsen; Eric Borgerding; George Petak; Gina Dennik-Champion; Greer, Rosie; Greg Aronin (Johnson and Johnson); Guarasci, Patrick - Office of Governor Jim Doyle; Hermes, Ron; Hillary Conley; Huffer, Linda; Jack; Jason Johns; Jason Westphal; Jeff Ranous; Jeremy Levin; Jim Hemes; Jim Tenuta; Jodi Bloch; Jodie Tierney; John D. Forester; Joseph Win (AHIP); Julie Swiderski; Karla (Ministry Health Care); Kate Venne; Katie Boycks; Katie Walby; Laurie Kuiper; Linda Hall; Linda Klein-Schmidt; Lisa Macaulay; Lisa Maroney; Lisa Roys; Little, Kevin; Liz Schumacher Meriter; Louie Schubert; Lynn Breedlove; Mark Grapentine; Mark Reihl (carpenters union); Martin, Larry - DRL; Mary Klaver RTL; Maureen McNally; mbrooks@wda.org; Michael Blumenfeld; Michael Heifetz; Michael Welch; Michele Mettner; Moyer, Andrew - Office of Governor Jim Doyle; Nancy Wenzel; Paul Merline; Paul Westrick; Peter Christianson; Peter Theo; Robert Phillips; Snyder, MaryAnne; Tom Engels; Tom Fonfara; Tom Frazier; Tom Moore; Tony Driessen; Tony Langenohl; Vaughn Vance

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#### Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: FW: Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform

From: Stegall, Jennifer

Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2006 11:35 AM

To: 'Mark Grapentine'

Cc: Volz, David; Tormey, Jessica

Subject: RE: Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform

The Eau Claire hearing will be pretty general in scope, much like the Milwaukee hearing. The focus is on health care cost, quality and access. The committee will want to hear from people in the Eau Claire/Western Wisconsin area about their experience, concerns and suggestions regarding health care in their area of the state. People who testify should identify health care cost drivers as well as discuss what they have have done to mange health care costs while ensuring quality services. They should provide recommendations to committee members addressing what the state should do to help address health care cost, quality and access concerns.

If there are doctors from the Eau Claire are who interested in sharing their experiences with committee members, that would be great.

Does that help?

Jennifer

From: Mark Grapentine [mailto:MarkG@WISMED.ORG]

Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2006 2:11 PM

To: Stegall, Jennifer

Subject: Re: Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform

Jennifer:

I've been thinking about this and your voice mail... I don't want us to be repetitive... what's your boss' desire for the Eau Claire meeting?

mg

>>> "Stegall, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Stegall@legis.state.wi.us> 4/14/06 10:15 AM >>>

Hi,

The Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform will meet on May 11th at 10:00 in Eau Claire. The hearing will likely take place at the Chippewa Valley

Technical College. An official public hearing notice will be distributed when all the of details of the hearing are set.

Have a nice weekend!

Jennifer Stegall
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